Sl. No.	Name of Project	Estimated Cost (Rs. crores)	Date of Receipt	Status
	(b) MEDIUM PROJECTS			
1.	Manjore irrigation project	24.02	3/89	The State has to comply with observations of Central Appraising Agencies on various technical aspect.
2.	Pet irrigation project	24.86	12/88	—do—
3.	Katra irrigation project	29.22	9/89	—do—
4.	Jeera irrigation project	24.61	8/88	—do—
5.	Baghalati irrigation project	12.49	7/87	The State govt. has to submit an updated estimate of cost.
6.	Upper Lanth	19.50	3/90	The project has been received recently.
7.	Telengir irrigation project	36.25	5/90	—do—
8.	Kutuli Sinha irrigation project	9.54	6/90	—do—
9.	Dhauragoth	9.38	7/90	—do—

Allocation of fund for the development of tourism in Assam

431. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Assam Government has submitted some proposals for development of tourism in the State;

(b) whether the Central Government have allocated necessary amount for the same; and

(c) if so, what is the amount that has been sanctioned for the purpose and if no amount has been sanctioned, what are the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK): (a) to (c) The following schemes have been prioritised for the State of Assam for the year 1990-91 in consultation with the State Government:—

1. Yatri Niwas at Guwahati.

2. Tourist Complex at Kaziranga.

3. Wayside facilities at Jakhalbanda.

4. Trekking equipment for Braulch Hills.

Sanction is issued for an amount of Rs. 14.81 lakhs for a Tourist Complex at Kaziranga National Park. However, other projects with detailed estimates are awaited from the State Government.

Transfer of Justice Mishra from Patna High Court to Madras High Court

432. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the sudden transfer of Hon. Justice Mishra from Patna High Court to Madras High Court is likely to affect the seniority of the judges in the Madras High Court; and

(b) what is Central Government's reaction to the protest by the Bar Association and the serving Judges

against this transfer?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) and (b) The Government transferred Shri Justice P.S. Mishra from the Patna High Court to the Madras High Court on the recommendation of the Chief Justice of India, and after due consideration. The seniority of Shri Justice P.S. Mishra in the Madras High Court has also been fixed on the advice of the Chief Justice of India in accordance with the principle adopted in cases of transfer of puisne Judges from one High Court to another.

Having regard to the policy guidelines, the transfer of Shri Justice P.S. Mishra will not affect the legitimate expectation of any Judge of the Madras High Court to become a permanent Chief Justice in his turn.

Introduction of rationalised steel distribution policy

433. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a rationalised steel distribution policy;

(b) if so, what are its details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to supply steel to small scale units through their associations in order to avoid intermediaries?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Report of Task Force appointed for the purpose is under Examination.

(c) No, Sir.

Sick textile mills taken over by NTC

434. SHRI S.K.T. RAMACHANDRAN:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of sick mills that have been taken over so far by the National Textile Corporation;

(b) what is the number of units that are running in profits and how many are incurring losses; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government to revive the loss incurring sick textile mills?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) At present, National Textile Corporation is managing 109 nationalised and 15 managed mills.

(b) During the year 1989-90, out of 122 NTC mills in operation, 30 mills made net profit and 92 mills incurred net losses.

(c) Improving the performance of textile mills under NTC is a continuous process. A turnaround strategy has been prepared, which includes:—

(i) modernisation of selected mills;

(ii) pruning uneconomic activities;

(iii) optimising economic capacities;

(iv) higher productivity;

(v) implementation of Special Voluntary Retirement Scheme;

(vi) competitive purchase of raw materials;

(vii) higher quantum of yarn production;

(viii) price optimisation;

(ix) product upgradation.